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A Message to Our Brothers and Sisters,

As we continue our journey in light and brother/sisterhood, may this edition of our lodge newsletter serve as a reminder of the bonds we share, the work we've accomplished, and the path that lies ahead. Let us remain committed to our principles and steadfast in service to one another and our community.

Fraternally,
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BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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August is prime beach season. If you find yourselves in the vicinity of Silver Beach in St. Joseph, please check out the new accessible playground facilities at the beach. They are truly impressive. The Berrien Co. Shrine Club, Saladin Temple Children's Trust, and St. Joseph Masonic Lodge 437 all contributed to it.

The 2025 Mini-bike Patrol season continues, come out and cheer us on.

- Coloma Glad Peach Festival 8/2/25
- Lawrence Ox Roast 9/1/25
- Paw Paw Harvest Festival 9/7/25
- Niles Apple Festival 9/21 & 9/28/25

Come and join us for the annual corn and sausage roast on July 29, 2025 at the Berrien County Sportsman's Club. Food will be served starting at 5:00. Door prizes to follow. The rifle raffle ticket sales will begin at the Corn and Sausage roast; the drawing will be held at our regular meeting September 26th.

The next Saladin Social will be held on August 1st

The Potentates Bus Trip to The Shriners Children's in Chicago is Saturday September 27th

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally

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Happy Summer, hope everyone is having a pleasant summer. We are Dark for August but will have get together to work on the lodge and have fellowship. Texts and emails will be sent out to let you know when. Also we will have MM degree practices on Sundays for those that can make it, usually around 1pm, notices will be sent out.

We had a great Hog Roast, if you weren't there you missed good food and fun, see you next year. Also congratulations to Matt Barrett for selling the most tickets.

Next Stated is Sept 8th, a week later than normal due to the 1st is Labor Day holiday. 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Gavel, Hope to see all Brothers there, we will be talking about Non-payment of dues , oh nevermind, all dues have been paid, congratulations Brothers.

For Worshipful Master Jose Hernandez, Chaplain Ron Price signing off.

Oh yeah, there will be a MM degree and Feastive Board in September, plan on being present, date to be announced during September Stated

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Hello Brethren
I hope this finds you in good health and in good spirits. Come check us out, we'd love to see you! I hope you all have a great summer and take the opportunity for some much-needed fellowship with friends and family. Don't forget to mark your calendar with all the Masonic related events throughout the summer. Please join me in wishing a Happy Birthday to all the brothers celebrating this month! I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon! Until we meet again...safe travels my brothers.

Fraternally,

Jermaine Thomas, WM

August 4th August Stated Comm.
August 11,18 & 25 Lodge Dark
August 16th Lake Shore Lodge Annual Charity Golf Outing @ Blossomtrails Golf Club
August 17th Low 12 Club of Berrien County Euchre Torunament
August 21st Northern Berrien County Scottish Rite Club Annual Steak Fry

Birthdays
Brother David Arndt August 21, 1947
Brother Christopher Hannan August 29, 1966
Brother Andrew Heier August 20, 1964
Brother Bradley Humphreville August 11, 1970
Brother Theron Lamotte August 9, 1936
Brother Charley Mott August 7, 1937
Brother Taras Poluhanycz August 22, 1946
Brother Robert Puckett August 5, 1955
Brother Ernest Walker August 3, 1942

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Summer is in full swing, hope everyone is enjoying it. We are not going dark for the summer so keep showing up to Lodge. We have some plans coming up and hope to see Brothers there. Next Stated is August 5th, 6:30pm Dinner 7pm gavel, also it will be Hawaiian shirt night if you have one. Our picnic is August 9th, noon. Hope to see you there. Also we will have a MM Degree in the future, date and time to be determined. September stated will be Jersey day, wear your favorite team Jersey to the meeting, September 2nd.

Trestle Board:

5 August Stated, 6:30pm Dinner 7pm Gavel, Hawaiian shirt night

9 August. Picnic, noon bring the family

2 September Stated, 6:30pm Dinner 7pm Gavel, Jersey night

Let's have a great summer

Worshipful Master Ron Price

Worshipful Master

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From the East:
Your brothers at Coloma Lodge invite all area Masons to come and promote the Child ID Program at the Coloma Glad-Peach Festival on Saturday August 2. The Southwest Gold Coast Chapter of DeMolay will be hosting the event along with Coloma Lodge. If your lodge wishes to pass along some information, we will be happy to include it with other information we will be passing out. We could use some help in the afternoon from noon to six. We will be handing out about 100 child ID kits and information about DeMolay to volunteer, or for more details, contact WB Matt Moser at matt-lee-moser@prodigy.net or call 269-921-6892. We wish to say a big THANK YOU to all area Masons who participated in our annual golf outing. Twenty-six teams signed up to play consisting of Masons, their friends and families from all over the state. That support made the 2025 outing the most successful since we began the event more than ten years ago.
We look forward to seeing you all at the Berrien County Youth Fair. Coloma Masons who would like to volunteer to staff the booth should contact Secretary Dave Mayne for details and available time slots. Now that the "dog days" of summer are here, our thoughts may be turning to cooler weather. Coloma Lodge will again be hosting a family event at K-Wings Arena. Details are coming soon so be sure to check future editions of The Masonic News!
Our stated meetings are the first Thursday of every month. We hope that you will come and say "hello" and join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m. before each Regular Communication.

Fraternally, Phil Staub, WM

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Greetings, The month of July we started our meeting July 9th and it was just a business meeting.

We have a Southwestern district picnic that's going to be on July 27th at marshall's barn in Mattawan. The Barrian county fair will be on Aug 11 Niles OES Chapter and America chapter along with the Mason's and Demolay representatives,will be at a booth in the community hall (,im not sure what it's called) we hope to reach out to the local community on who we are and the charities we support and our support in the communities we live in. August will be filled with the fair and a fun night and visiting our other local Eastern star chapters in our area. We also are frequently visiting our Masonic brothers and sisters who are residents in several nursing facilities, sister Sue Romelhardt and myself and also we thank Sister Lynnette and brother Jermaine Thomas and sister Phyllis and brother Michael Parker for recently visiting sister Anne Benson and brother Brian Baker &Vicki and doing much needed yard work and repairs. We hope everyone is staying hydrated and staying safe and cool during this heat wave that we're having. respectfully submitted Barbara Dickert Worthy Matron America chapter #234 Benton Harbor.

August 2025

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
27	28	29 Shriners - Annual Corn and Sausage Roast, Berrien County Sportsman's Club	30	31	1 Shriners Club - Saladin Social	2 Child ID Program and Shriners Parade, Coloma Glad Peach Fest Noon – 6pm
3	4 Lakeshore Lodge #298 Stated Communication 6:30p Dinner 7:30p Gavel	5 St Joe Lodge #437 – Stated Communication 6:30p Dinner 7p Gavel	6	7 Coloma Lodge #162 - Stated Communication 6:30p Dinner 7:30p Gavel	8	9 St Joe Lodge Picnic @ Noon, families welcome
10	11 Berrien County Youth Fair – **Volunteers for booth please see Jean** **Aug 11 – 16th**	12	13	14	15	16 Lakeshore Lodge Annual Golf Outing – Blossom Trails
17 Low 12 Club – Euchre Tourney	18	19	20	21 Scottish Rite – Steak Fry	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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